

# Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

Goodman called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2023 meeting

Walsh-Childers made a motion to approve the minutes. Hutchens seconded the motion, and the committee voted to approve the minutes.

III. Sunset the MAMC Political Communication online concentration

Kropp provided background information: Political Communication is the smallest enrolled concentration; it is the only concentration that is not growing. Kropp proposes sunseting the concentration.

Coche made a motion to approve the sunset proposal. Coffey seconded the motion, and the committee voted to approve the proposal.

IV. Qualifying Exams and Chat GPT

Goodman provided background on the issue and goal of maintaining the integrity of the exam process. Goodman opened the topic for discussion. Topic remains open for future discussion, as needed.

V. Continue Spring 2023 conversation about Graduation with Distinction

Goodman re-opened discussion about ceasing or updating the Graduation with Distinction honor. After discussion, motion made by Hutchens to remove the process. The motion was seconded by Calienes. After additional discussion, the committee voted to pass the motion.

VI. Switching from Ph.D. to MAMC

There has been a recent uptick in inquiries from Ph.D. students wanting to switch to the MAMC program. Students must apply to the MAMC and must follow the MAMC degree plan, and they may have an excess amount of credits. They are usually missing Academic Writing and MMC 6660. Goodman proposes considering

amendments to the MAMC degree plan in these circumstances. Discussion led to questions that need to be answered by the UF Graduate School and other campus entities. Discussion will be revisited at a future meeting.

VII. New Business

No new business was conducted.

VIII. Adjourn

Hutchens made motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Walsh-Childers and approved by the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

In Attendance: Dukes, Goodman, Kropp, Spiker, Patterson, Coffey, Hmielowski, Feng, Hutchens, Chen, Coche, Walsh-Childers, Calienes